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SUBJ: NIE DRAFT

1. AS PROMISED IN NOV 15 MEETING ON DRAFT NIE, WE SUGGEST
FOLLOWING AS SUBSTITUTE FOR PARA 22 PRESENT DRAFT.

BEGIN TEXT:

THE LOPEZ PORTILLO ADMINISTRATION WILL PUT DOMESTIC
PROBLEMS FIRST AND US-MEXICAN RELATIONS SECOND. MEXICAN
RELATIONS WITH THE THIRD WORLD, SO STRONGLY EMPHASIZED
BY ECHEVERRIA, WILL NOT BE TREATED WITH THE SAME IM-
PORTANCE UNDER LOPEZ PORTILLO, ALTHOUGH MEXICO WILL
CONTINUED TO A DEGREE TO CULTIVATE ITS THIRD WORLD CON-
TACTS BOTH AS A MATTER OF POLICY AND FOR THE PUBLICITY AND
PRESTIGE THAT THEY FURNISH. THE SHIFT IN EMPHASIS WILL,
WE FORESEE, CREATE LITTLE POPULAR OPPOSITION, SINCE
NEITHER THE GENERAL PUBLIC NOR ANY IMPORTANT SUBGROUP
HAS WHOLLY IDENTIFIED ITSELF WITH THE OFFICIAL POSITION
ON THE THIRD WORLD ADVANCED BY ECHEVERRIA HIM-
SELF. THE PROCESS OF DIMINISHING THE AMOUNTS OF
TIME, MONEY AND HUMAN RESOURCES INVOLVED IN
MEXICAN-THIRD WORLD RELATIONSHIPS WILL BE
GRADUAL, AND THE FACT THAT IT IS TAKING PLACE
WILL PROBABLY BE DISCOUNTED OR DENIED BY OFFICIAL

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MEXICAN SPOKESMEN. HOWEVER, THE U.S. MUST BE PREPARED TO SEE

MEXICO CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN POSITIONS IN INTERNATIONAL
FORA THAT AT TIMES RUN COUNTER TO OUR OWN.
END TEXT.
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